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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR KREISKY CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL OFFICIAL
VISIT

1. CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY OF AUSTRIA AND HIS PARTY
DEPARTED FROM THE U.S. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13,
HAVING CONCLUDED A VERY SUCCESSFUL OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE
US. DR. HEINRICH HAYMERLE, ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD A DEPARTMENT
OFFICER THAT THE AUSTRIAN PARTY WAS "EXTREMELY PLEASED"
WITH THE VISIT, WHICH SERVED TO ILLUSTRATE THE CLOSE,
FRIENDLY NATURE OF AUSTRIA'S MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP.

2. KREISKY'S NEW YORK SCHEDULE WAS BUSIER THAN CONTEMPLATED
INITIALLY. AFTER A MAGNIFICENT AUTUMN AFTERNOON ON LONG
ISLAND AS THE GUEST OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HUMES, NOVEMBER
10, KREISKY TAPED AN INTERVIEW WITH NBC'S "SPEAKING FREELY"
AND ATTENDED A DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE OF PETER JANKOWITSCH,
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AUSTRIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN. THE

FOLLOWING MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, KREISKY APPEARED ON NBC'S "TODAY SHOW," WHERE HE FIELDERD QUESTIONS FROM BARBARA WALTERS ON THE SCHOENAU INCIDENT AND THE JEWISH TRANSIT ISSUE (AUDIO RECEPTION WAS UNFORTUNATELY DISTORTED IN THE

WASHINGTON REGION BY A LOCAL TECHNICAL FAILURE. LATER THAT MORNING, KREISKY CALLED ON SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT BOUTEFELKA. AT NOON, HE ADDRESSED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (TEXT BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY). FOLLOWING A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY WALDHEIM, KREISKY'S PARTY DEPARTED FOR WILLIAMSBURG.

3. AT WILLIAMSBURG, THE KREISKY PARTY BRIEFLY TOURED THE COLONIAL SITES AND ATTENDED A DINNER AT CARTER'S GROVE PLANTATION, GIVEN BY CARLISLE HUMELSINE, PRESIDENT OF THE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION.

4. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, THE AUSTRIAN GUESTS WERE FLOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR THE INITIATION OF THE OFFICIAL PHASE OF THE VISIT. A STEADY RAIN UNFORTUNATELY PRECLUDED THE USUAL OUTDOOR HONOR CEREMONIES AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT THE AUSTRIANS WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION IN THE EAST ROOM. FOLLOWING A SHORT TEA IN THE BLUE ROOM, THE PRESIDENT ESCORTED KREISKY, FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO THE OVAL OFFICE FOR A ONE- HOUR DISCUSSION. IN THE NEIGHBORING CABINET ROOM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN CONDUCTED A MEETING WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL HAYMERLE AND THE REMAINDER OF THE OFFICIAL US AND AUSTRIAN PARTIES.

5. THE WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS WERE FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCHEON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY. THE AUSTRIAN GUESTS INCLUDED THE MALE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR ARNO HALUSA AND MINISTER-COUNSELOR HANS GEORG RUDOLFSKY OF THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY. IN ADDITION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE AMERICAN SIDE INCLUDED COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT, MR. IKLE (ACDA), AMBASSADOR HUMES, MR. HARTMAN (EUR), MR. BUFFUM (IO), MR. ENDERS (EB), REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD G. BIESTER (R-PA), AND MR. GEORGE (EUR/CE). AMONG THE TOPICS DIS-

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CUSSED WAS "THIRD UN CITY" STATUS FOR VIENNA (THE US SIDE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT). THE IEP ISSUE WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, WITH MR. ENDERS OBSERVING THAT AN AGREEMENT ON THE NEUTRALITY ISSUE WOULD PROBABLY BE REACHED AT BRUSSELS LATER THAT SAME DAY (THIS SUBSEQUENTLY HAPPENED).

6. FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON, KREISKY AND A FEW

MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WENT TO THE OFFICE OF UNDER SECRETARY JOSEPH J. SISCO FOR A GENERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS SITUATIONS (MEMCON TO BE PROVIDED LATER).

7. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 12, THE KREISKY PARTY ATTENDED A DINNER IN HIS HONOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE. BECAUSE THIS WAS MRS. FORD'S FIRST IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT SINCE HER RECENT HOSPITALIZATION, THERE WAS EXTENSIVE MEDIA ATTENTION (NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ARE BEING POUCHED).

8. ON THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, KREISKY LAID A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER. WHILE AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY, HE ALSO VISITED THE GRAVES OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ROBERT KENNEDY, AND GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL. AFTER A BRIEF SIDE TRIP TO THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY, HE RETURNED TO BLAIR HOUSE FOR A PRIVATE, 30-MINUTE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, UNTER VIER AUGEN.

9. AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 13, KREISKY DELIVERED A WELL-RECEIVED SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB (TEXT BEING POUCHED). DURING FOLLOWING QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD, HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE SCHOENAU INCIDENT OF LAST YEAR-- AND TO EXPLAIN WHY AUSTRIA BELIEVES THAT OTHER NATIONS SHOULD NOW SHARE IN THE PROVISION OF TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR JEWS EMIGRATING FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AMONG THE TOUGHER QUESTIONS HE FIELDLED WAS BARBED INQUIRY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS PARTY'S USING THE NEW ORF LEGISLATION TO GAIN PARTISAN CONTROL OVER AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION. KREISKY HEATEDLY DENIED THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE. HE DESCRIBED THE PRESENT ORF BOARD AS INDEPENDENT OF POLITICAL CONTROL-- AND OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE POINTLESS TO TRY TO EXERT
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POLITICAL INFLUENCE THROUGH THIS NETWORK SINCE AUSTRIANS ALSO CAN LISTEN TO SWISS AND GERMAN STATIONS.

10. FOLLOWING THE PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON, KREISKY RETURNED TO BLAIR HOUSE FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY WILLIAM E. SIMON. ALSO ATTENDING THIS SESSION WERE FINANCE MINISTER HANNES ANDROSCH, UNDER SECRETARY JACK F. BENNETT, AMBASSADOR HUMES, AND THE EUR/CE COUNTRY OFFICER FOR AUSTRIA. SECRETARY SIMON DESCRIBED THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE U.S. AND GAVE HIS VIEWS ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. KREISKY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE IEP AGREEMENT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY, AND STRESSED HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND THE PRODUCERS NOW HAVE TO COME TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SEEK MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO OUR MANY

NEW ENERGY PROBLEMS, SUCH AS PETROLEUM PRICING AND THE FLOW OF PETRODOLLARS. HE THOUGHT SUCH DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON A WORKING LEVEL. SECRETARY SIMON OPINED THAT THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES FIRST NEED TO AGREE ON SOME JOINT POSITIONS-- AND, IF THERE WERE EVENTUALLY TO BE TALKS WITH THE PRODUCER STATES, IT WOULD

BE PREFERABLE TO CONDUCT THEM ON A MORE SENIOR LEVEL. ANDROSCH ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT COUNTERVAILING-DUTY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING AUSTRIAN CHEESE, AND SECRETARY SIMON EXPLAINED THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THE US GOVERNMENT MUST FOLLOW IN THIS MATTER. ANDROSCH ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE THE TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES OUTSIDE THE U.S. SECRETARY SIMON DESCRIBED THIS AS A SENSITIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE, AS THE PUBLIC HAS DISPLAYED GREAT INTEREST IN TAX REFORM, PARTICULARLY IN "PLUGGING TAX LOOPHOLES."

11. AFTER A BRIEF APPEARANCE AT A FAREWELL AUSTRIAN RECEPTION THAT EVENING, AT WHICH HE HAD ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF REMARKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, KREISKY DEPARTED FOR AUSTRIA, EXPRESSING GREAT SATISFACTION OVER THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT. (HAYMERLE REMAINED IN WASHINGTON FOR FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH MR. HARTMAN AND MR. BUFFUM ON NOVEMBER 14.) KISSINGER
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